

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Notice of Final Public Meeting and Public Comment for Total Maximum Daily Load
Studies in Chuckatuck Creek, Kings Creek and Ballard Marsh Creek,
Isle of Wight and Suffolk Counties

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will host a public meeting on water quality studies for Chuckatuck Creek, Kings Creek and Ballard Marsh Creek located in Isle of Wight and Suffolk Counties on **Wednesday February 24, 2010**.

The meeting will start at **2:00 p.m.** at the **City of Suffolk Public Works** Conference Room located at 440 Market Street 2nd Floor, Suffolk VA. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information and discuss the final study with interested local community members and local government.

Chuckatuck Creek (VAT-G11E-16) was identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired for not supporting the Shellfishing Use. The impairment is based on the shellfish harvesting condemnation of Growing Area 62 (062-080) imposed by the Virginia Department of Health-Division of Shellfish Sanitation.

Kings and Ballard Marsh Creeks (VAT-G11E-17) were also identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired for not supporting the Shellfishing Use. The impairment is based on the shellfish harvesting condemnation of Growing Area 62 (062-164) imposed by the Virginia Department of Health-Division of Shellfish Sanitation.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report and subsequent Water Quality Assessment Reports.

During the study, DEQ will develop a Total Maximum Daily Load for each impaired water. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, pollutant levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

The public comment period on materials presented at this meeting will extend from February 25, 2010 to March 26, 2010. For additional information or to submit comments, contact Jennifer Howell, in the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd, Virginia Beach VA 23462, by phone (757) 518-2111 or by e-mail jennifer.howell@deq.virginia.gov.

* Additional information is also available on the DEQ web site at www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl.